

DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

DISTRICT I

February 4, 2002

7:00 p.m.

Atwater Community Center, 2755 E. 19th

Members Present

Council Member Brewer
Treatha Brown Foster
Kenneth Hemmen
Lori Lawrence
Debby Moore
Celina Porter Robinson
Steve Roberts*
James Thompson
Marcia Traylor
Lois Tully-Gerber
Willard Walker

Members Absent

David Franks*
Carrie Jones Williams
Sharon Myers*
Ken Woodard

Guest List

RT Riley, 953 N Crestway
Vi Riley, 953 N Crestway
Erma Markham, 4229 Charron
Glen Dey, 4515 Greenbriar
Gertrude Jamison, 2402 N Minnesota
Katie Roberson, 1740 E 23rd
Willie Fortier, 1652 Northeast Parkway
Carl Ligon, 1736 Northeast Parkway
Kent Morgan, 537 N Dellrose
Paul Fortier, 1257 Greenwood
Mary Jo Bond, 4024 Charron

Staff Present

Officer Jesse Hancock, Wichita Police Department
Heidi Farmer-Drew, Neighborhood Assistant

*Denotes District Advisory Board Alternates

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Council Member Brewer called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve January 2002, DAB I minutes, **Porter Robinson (Brown Foster)**, motion carried (9-0).

Approval of Agenda

Brown Foster (Hemmen) made a motion to accept the agenda, adding the issue of littering from Gertrude Jamison with the Northeast Millair Neighborhood Association to the Public Agenda. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Public Agenda

1. Scheduled items - No items submitted

2. Off-agenda items

- 2a. Gertrude Jamison**, a representative for the Northeast Millair Neighborhood Association, discussed the issue of trash and other debris that has accumulated in her neighborhood, especially on Minnesota, Piatt Streets by citizens who throw trash from their vehicles. **Jamison** inquired if the City still had a litter law, and if so, what could be done to enforce the litter law. **Officer Hancock**, stated that Chapter 5 of the City code could be cited by police if 911 is contacted and a license plate id identified. **Officer Hancock** volunteered to contact Patrol North officers to address the issue.

DAB members commented that litter from various sources has been a problem in their neighborhoods as well. **Tully Gerber** commended **Jamison** for addressing the issue and increasing awareness of the litter problem within the District.

Public Works - No items submitted

Staff Reports – No items submitted

Unfinished Business – No items submitted

Planning Cases - No items submitted

New Business - No items submitted

Board Agenda

3. Basketball Goals in the Street

Council Member Brewer stated that children playing basketball in the street, using portable basketball goals, has become a growing concern for neighborhoods throughout the city. Children using these basketball goals on residential streets creates two major concerns: 1) the safety of the children and 2) what children will do if they are not playing basketball (i.e.: illegal activities, gangs, etc.)

Representatives from Country Overlook Neighborhood Association and Northeast Millair Neighborhood Association commented that this was a growing concern in their neighborhood also. Comments included the following:

- Children playing basketball in the street stop traffic
- Road Rage may result in the continuation of traffic congestion
- Problem area identified include
 - 25th and Piatt
 - 1900 block of Looman

Council Member Brewer also stated that he had met with Community Policing Officers who have been involved with this issue and Officers are concerned about what the children will do if they are unable to play basketball in the street. There have been issues that the younger children have not been able to play basketball in the park because the older children are not allowing them to play. **Council Member Brewer** asked DAB members and the public if the City should continue to allow the basketball goals in the street, or enforce not having the goals in the street.

After lengthy discussion between the DAB members and the public, the general consensus was to have the Wichita Police Department to enforce the law and not have goals in the street.

General Comments/Announcements

- **Council Member Brewer**
 - During recent severe weather concern was communicated by residents about the removal of snow and ice from the side/residential streets of elderly persons – unfortunately there is not enough city personnel to remove snow and ice from every street in the City. Therefore, streets are prioritized for removal – Brown –Foster commented that people in her Neighborhood Association usually chip in to assist persons unable to remove snow and ice on their own.
 - 1st District Coalition Meeting on March 2, 2002 at Spears, 8:00 a.m.
- **Kent Morgan, President of CONA**
 - Kudos to Officer Wallace – with the assistance of youth from the Children's Home, cleared 26 driveways of elderly citizens during the severe weather
- **Officer Hancock**
 - Neighborhood Cleanup February 9, 2002 at 800 South Broadway. Will begin at the Family Inn.

General Comments/Announcements (continued)

Other discussions began which included noise pollution and the continuation of Neighborhood clean-ups.

Council Member Brewer and Members of the public confirmed there will be Neighborhood clean-ups again this year. Applications must be filed with Deb Legge in the Office of Central Inspection by February 15, 2002. Individual blocks may also sign-up, if no Neighborhood Association exists in that area.

Office Hancock explained that under the current City noise ordinance, a citizen would have to call 911 to make a disturbance call and be willing to make a report for an officer to respond to the complaint, given the current circumstances with staffing. Community Policing Officers may also be available to perform mediation if necessary.

Being no further business, **Council Member Brewer (Traylor)** made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Heidi Farmer-Drew
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Council District I